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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 988

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

USMISSIN GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3244

BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD; ATHENS FOR INS; ROME FOR INS; FRANKFURT FOR
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KURDISH REFUGEES FROM IRAQ

REF: STATE 74440

1. EMBASSY EXPLORING FEASIBILITY OF SEC 203(A)(7) CONSIDERATION
FOR HANDFUL OF KURDISH REFUGEES (ABOUT 40 TO DATE) WHO HAVE IN-
QUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF RESETTLEMENT IN US. SO FAR WE HAVE NOT
BEEN ABLE TO MOVE FROM SQUARE ONE DESPITE FACT KURDS ARE STATUT-
ORILY ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH CONSIDERATIONS, AS VERIFIED BY STATE 60263.

2. NOT YET CLEAR WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, GOI WILL PROVIDE
REFUGEES. MATTER UNDER STUDY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. EVEN IF THEY RECEIVE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, KURDS WOULD FACE OB-
STACLES TRYING TO REACH COUNTRIES WHERE INS PROCESSING OFFICES ARE
LOCATED. HAVE CONTACTED GERMAN EMBASSY HERE, WHICH GAVE CAUTIOUSLY
PROMISING RESPONSE RE POSSIBILITY OF ISSUANCE OF TRANSIT VISAS TO
REFUGEES FOR INS PROCESSING IN FRANKFURT PENDING CONCURRENCE GERMAN
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FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, LEBANESE, GREEK

AND ITALIAN EMBASSY STATED KURDISH REFUGEES WOULD NOT BE WELCOME IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE TOO MANY REFUGEES, AND IF KURDS NOT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO US WOULD BECOME AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM FOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS. EMBASSY REQUESTS ATHENS, ROME, BEIRUT TO INQUIRE FROM RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES RE ACTUAL GOVERNMENT POLICY AS WELL AS PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VISAS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS INS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF SENDING INS OFFICER TO IRAN IF THAT PROVES MOST DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR PROCESSING REFUGEES (ACCORDING TO DEPT, MAXIMUM OF 200 NUMBERS AVAILABE FOR THEM UNDER SEC 203(A)(7)). PRESUME THAT INS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROCESSING CONDITIONAL ENTRANCE APPLICATIONS OF KURDS WHO SOMEHOW MAKE THEIR WAY TO ONE OF ADDRESSEE CITIES.

5. PLEASE FORWARD NAMES, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ADDRESSEE CONUTRIES WHICH WILLING ASSIST KURDISH REFUGEES, AND INFORM WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE THEY WOULD OFFER (LODGING DURING PROCESSING, TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO US, SETTLEMENT AND JOBS IN US, ETC) REQUEST ALSO INFO RE ANTICIPATED WAITING TIME PER CASE, IF NUMBERS WERE KEPT LOW, I.E., UNDER 200.
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